

Helping People Prepare for Medicare Drug Coverage Beginning 2006

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The new Medicare Drug Coverage will begin this January, 2006. This new coverage will mean different things to different people due to other drug coverage that they may currently have. As advocates, we need to assist those that we serve to determine their options and sign up for the appropriate choices in order to prevent a lack of drug coverage.

Basic Medicare Drug Coverage

- Approximately \$32 monthly premium
- Individual pays \$250 deductible drug costs/year
- Individual then pays 25% of drug cost from \$250 - \$2250
- Individual pays all drug costs above \$2250 up to \$5100 (gap in coverage)
- After \$5100, individual pays 5% co-payments
- Must pick a plan by Dec. 31, to be covered by Jan. 1, 2006 (#2)
- Penalty of 1% per month added to the premium if they want to sign up after May, 2006

People with Medicaid Only (no Medicare)

**Your new
Medicaid Card
is attached below.**

**Please tear off the card.
Sign and keep the card.**

**Carry your card with you all the time
so you can get medical care,
even in an emergency.**

**For help call the Consumer Hotline
at 1-800-324-8680
or TDD 1-800-292-3572.**

Messages:

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MEDICARE starting January 1, 2006. You will need to select a
Prescription Drug Plan before December 31, 2005 or one will be selected for you.
For help selecting a plan, call 1-800-MEDICARE or OSHIP at 1-800-686-1578.

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<p>Notice to the Consumer: Please carry this card at all times and present this card whenever you request Medical services. If this card is lost or stolen, contact the county department of job and family services at once.</p> <p>Notice to Providers of Medical Services: If there is evidence of tampering or if card is mutilated contact the local county department of job and family services. Check "Void After Date" to be sure client is eligible for service. Questions regarding claims for services should be directed to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) at 1-800-686-1516, or the Provider Network Management Section at 1-800-686-6108, Option 1.</p> <p>Note: Use the Billing Number for all claim submissions.</p> <p>Consumer's Signature: _____</p>	<p>County HAMILTON</p> <p>Case/Category/Sequence 5048083991/MA D/01</p> <p>Eligibility Begin Date 11/01/05</p> <p>Void After Date 11/30/05</p> <p>Ohio Medicaid</p> <p>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Consumer Hotline - 1-800-324-8680 or TDD 1-800-292-3572</p>
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For people who currently receive a monthly Medicaid card in the mail, nothing changes: Individuals still use their Medicaid card to obtain medications as always

People with Medicare Only (no Medicaid and no other insurance)

Part A ———

Part B ———

MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE	
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
NAME OF BENEFICIARY: Harriet Haggelsdorf	
CLAIM NUMBER: 123-45-6789 B	Sex: Female
IS ENTITLED TO:	EFFECTIVE DATE
— HOSPITAL INSURANCE	4/1/01
— MEDICAL INSURANCE	4/1/01
SIGN HERE	<u>Harriet Haggelsdorf</u>

- Will gain drug coverage in January
- Individuals can APPLY for “Extra Help” if low income (#1):
 - \$0 premium
 - \$0 deductible
 - No gap in coverage
 - \$1 - \$5 co-pay per prescription
- “Partial extra help” also available
- Must pick one of 57 plans in Ohio (#2)

People with Medicare AND Private Insurance (no Medicaid)

- Individual can opt to stay with private insurance drug coverage if comparable or better without paying penalty for signing up later for Medicare Drug Coverage
- Encourage/help the individual to contact the current private insurance to discuss what to do. Most people will be able to stay with the private insurance or sign up for that private insurance company’s Medicare Drug Coverage plan

Medicare and Medicaid Eligible

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County
HAMILTON

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Eligibility Begin Date
11/01/05

Void After Date
11/30/06

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Medicaid**

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MEDICAL INSURANCE 4/1/01

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Part A

Part B

Individuals **MUST** use their Medicare rather than Medicaid for Drug Coverage beginning Jan, 2006

- Enrolled automatically for "Extra Help"
- Must pick one of 10 plans (#2) or will be auto enrolled in one with:
 - \$0 premium
 - \$0 deductible
 - No gap in coverage
 - \$1 - \$5 co-pay per prescription
- Can switch plans at any time due to dual enrollment

#1: How to Apply for Extra Help:

Not sure if the individual will qualify for “Extra Help”? “When in doubt, fill it out.” To apply for “Extra Help” on line, go to:

<https://s044a90.ssa.gov/apps6z/i1020/main.html>

Or by phone call Social Security: 1-800-772-1213
(7 AM – midnight; M – F)

#2: How to Compare and Decide on a Drug Coverage Plan:

www.medicare.gov (website not always working due to high volume)

Medicare @ 1-800-Medicare (24 hrs/7 days a week)

Tips on getting through voice activation to a LIVE person:

- a) Have Medicare Card and list of prescriptions
- b) When asked, state, “Drug Coverage”
- c) Then, when asked, state, “Enrollment”

Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP)

@1-800-686-1578 (8am – 6pm; M - F)

Your Pharmacy

Need More Information?

www.socialsecurity.gov

www.medicare.gov

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